

What is claimed is:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:
  - an image pickup device;
  - 5 a recording device that records image data photographed by said image pickup device;
  - a display device that displays the image data recorded by said recording device;
  - a communication device that is connectable to a
  - 10 plurality of image pickup apparatuses, for transmitting and receiving the recorded image data;
  - an allotting device that allots unique apparatus information for identifying the image pickup apparatus to the photographed image data; and
  - 15 a control device that provides control to cause said display device to display the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device, using the
  - 20 unique apparatus information, in a manner such that the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device can be distinguished from one another.
- 25 2. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control device provides control to cause said display device to display the image data

received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device, with frames of respective different colors added thereto.

5           3.    An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control device provides control to cause said display device to display the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and  
10 the image data recorded by said recording device, with icons different from each other added thereto.

          4.    An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control device provides control to cause said display device to display only selected  
15 image data out of the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device.

          5.    An image pickup apparatus according to claim  
20 1, wherein said control device provides control to cause said display device to display only image data photographed by a same image pickup apparatus as selected image data out of the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the  
25 plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device.

          6.    An image pickup apparatus according to claim

1, comprising an image number allotting device that allots an image number for identifying image data to the photographed image data.

7. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 5 6, wherein said control device is operable when image data is received by said communication device after the image number has been allotted to the photographed image data by said image number allotting device, to provide control to cause said image number allotting device to allot an image number different from the 10 image number allotted to the photographed image data to the received image data and then record the received image data in said recording device.

8. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 15 6, wherein said control device is operable when a photographic operation is carried out to produce image data after the image number has been allotted to the image data received by said communication device by said image number allotting device, to provide control 20 to cause said image number allotting device to allot an image number different from the image number allotted to the image data recorded by said recording device to the image data produced by the photographic operation and then record the photographed image data in said 25 recording device.

9. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control device provides control such

that a new image number allotted to the received image data by said image number allotting device is incorporated as part of a file name of the received image data and the received image data is recorded in  
5 said recording device.

10. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control device is operable when a same image number has been allotted to the received image data and the recorded image data, to provide control to  
10 compare at least one of respective photographed times, data sizes, and image data contents of the received image data and the recorded image data.

11. A method of causing an image pickup apparatus to display image data, the image pickup apparatus  
15 including an image pickup device, a recording device that records image data photographed by the image pickup device, a display device that displays the image data recorded by the recording device, a communication device that is connectable to a plurality of image  
20 pickup apparatuses, for transmitting and receiving the recorded image data, the method comprising:

an allotting step of allotting unique apparatus information for identifying the image pickup apparatus to the photographed image data; and

25 a control step of providing control to cause the display device to display the image data received by the communication device from respective ones of the

plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device, using the unique apparatus information, in a manner such that the image data received by the communication device from  
5    respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device can be distinguished from one another.

12. A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step comprises  
10    providing control to cause the display device to display the image data received by the communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device, with frames of respective different  
15    colors added thereto.

13. A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step comprises providing control to cause the display device to display the image data received by the communication  
20    device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device, with icons different from each other added thereto.

14. A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step comprises  
25    providing control to cause the display device to display only selected image data out of the image data

received by the communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device.

15        15. A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step comprises providing control to cause the display device to display only image data photographed by a same image pickup apparatus as selected image data out of the image data received by the communication device from  
10        respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device.

15        16. A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, comprising an image number allotting step of allotting an image number for identifying image data to the photographed image data.

20        17. A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein when image data is received by the communication device after the image number has been allotted to the photographed image data in said image number allotting step, in said control step, control is provided to cause said image number allotting step to allot an image number different from the image number allotted to the photographed image data to the received  
25        image data and then record the received image data in the recording device.

18. A method of displaying image data according

to claim 16, wherein when a photographic operation is carried out to produce image data after the image number has been allotted to the image data received by the communication device in said image number allotting step, in said control step, control is provided to cause said image number allotting step to allot an image number different from the image number allotted to the image data recorded by the recording device to the image data produced by the photographic operation and then record the photographed image data in the recording device.

19. A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein said control step comprises providing control such that a new image number allotted to the received image data in said image number allotting step is incorporated as part of a file name of the received image data and the received image data is recorded in the recording device.

20. A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein when a same image number has been allotted to the received image data and the recorded image data, in said control step, control is provided to compare at least one of respective photographed times, data sizes, and image data contents of the received image data and the recorded image data.

21. A computer-readable control program for causing a computer to implement a method of controlling

an image pickup apparatus including an image pickup device, a recording device that records image data photographed by the image pickup device, a display device that displays the image data recorded by the recording device, a communication device that is  
5     connectable to a plurality of image pickup apparatuses, for transmitting and receiving the recorded image data, the program comprising:

        an allotting module for allotting unique apparatus  
10     information for identifying the image pickup apparatus to the photographed image data; and

        a control module for providing control to cause the display device to display the image data received by the communication device from respective ones of the  
15     plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device, using the unique apparatus information, in a manner such that the image data received by the communication device from  
20     respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device can be distinguished from one another.

22. A storage medium storing a computer-readable control program for causing a computer to implement a method of controlling an image pickup apparatus  
25     including an image pickup device, a recording device that records image data photographed by the image pickup device, a display device that displays the image

data recorded by the recording device, a communication device that is connectable to a plurality of image pickup apparatuses, for transmitting and receiving the recorded image data, the program comprising:

5        an allotting module for allotting unique apparatus information for identifying the image pickup apparatus to the photographed image data; and

          a control module for providing control to cause the display device to display the image data received  
10 by the communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device, using the unique apparatus information, in a manner such that the image data received by the communication device from  
15 respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device can be distinguished from one another.